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19 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DDS&T Historical Program as of 15 January 1968

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1. During the last quarter of 1967 the DDS&T Historical Program moved ahead well in some areas and lagged in others. Overall, the program fell somewhat short of expectations. A number of factors contributed, e.g. the anticipated move of OSA [REDACTED] changed assignments of some Office representatives, etc. However, the single factor affecting all Offices was pre-occupation with the Program Call.

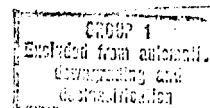
a. Nevertheless, in spite of the foregoing, the Office of Special Projects was able to complete its effort, which is now ready for binding. The Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center has completed its basic paper and needs only to round out its single monograph on GMAIC.

b. The Office of Special Activities, which has a sizeable task, has continued to make progress but has been held back because of the upcoming (January) Office move. The OSA effort is about 60 percent complete.

c. The Office of Research and Development increased from 60 percent to approximately 70 percent complete during the period in the face of an all-out Office effort to resolve budget problems.

d. Minor progress was reported by Office of Computer Services; however, increased attention can now be given to its historical effort. While OCS reports a completion figure of only 30 percent as of mid-January the magnitude of its task (smaller than most other Offices) is such that this figure can increase dramatically with a minimum of concentrated effort.

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e. The Office of ELINT has a problem in that its historian has been assigned to other duties which permit little time for the historical project. The ELINT history is being prepared in two parts which cover the pre-and-post 1962 activities. While the "pre" section is essentially complete, the "post" section is in the contemplative stage - and holding. This problem has been discussed with the Director of ELINT and hopefully a solution will be forthcoming soon.

f. The Office of Scientific Intelligence, which has an extensive area to cover, is well along with its program and reports it about 80 percent complete.

2. The Historical Program of this Directorate, while making good progress, is beset by the same problems which affect historical programs in general. Unless the necessary research and writing is performed by persons who have this as a sole responsibility, the program must be temporarily shelved whenever it competes with the need to keep current with day-to-day Office activities.

3. In the first quarter of this year, however, it is hoped that substantial progress can be made, and that several more of the Office projects can be wrapped up before summer vacations begin.

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Chairman

DDS&T Historical Board

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cc: Mr [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DDS&T Historical Board

SUBJECT : Status Report on History Program as
of 15 January 1968

1. I have reviewed the subject report and noted the current status of our history program.

2. I agree with you that every effort should be made to wrap up the program as soon as possible and suggest that you have all Offices work toward a deadline of 1 July 1968 for completion of their projects.

3. While it is true that a project of this kind frequently has to give way to things having greater priority, I don't think we can expect our situation to get any better. I think, therefore, we should exert what additional effort is required to complete the program promptly.

4. Would you contact each Office and see if the above deadline presents any unusual difficulties. If not, let's work toward a completed program by 1 July of this year.

5. I would appreciate an interim report by 15 March 1968.

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